GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDIAN AID TO SRI LANKA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any proposal to provide humanitarian aid to help reconstruction of war ravaged North-East Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, whether the matter came up for discussion during the recent visit of foreign minister of Sri Lanka to India; and

(c) if so, the details of discussions held and the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) to (c) India is committed to providing assistance for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of North-East Sri Lanka. The subject was raised during the recent visit of the Sri Lankan Foreign Minister though no detailed discussions were held.